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Environmental Defense submits this statement regarding the robust summary/test plan for the proposed Fatty Nitrogen Derived Amines category.

The robust summary and test plan for this proposed category were submitted by the American Chemistry Council's Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives Panel Amines Task Group on 12/23/02, and were posted on EPA's ChemRTK website on 1/23/03, with a due date for comments of 5/23/03.

In its submission the ACC Panel indicated that it anticipated significantly revising these documents by no later than the end of March 2003. As of this writing, those revisions apparently have yet to be submitted and revised versions of the test plan and robust summary have not yet been posted on EPA's website.

For these reasons, we have opted to defer comments on this submission until the revised documents are made available. We urge that EPA provide a suitable comment period for review of the revised documents, and we reserve the right to provide our comments at that time.

Given the complexity and size of this proposed category, we are concerned about the delay in submitting a complete test plan and full set of robust summaries, because any needed further data development cannot proceed in earnest prior to their submission and review. Lest this delay compromise the ability of the Panel to complete data development for the chemicals covered by this proposed category in a timeframe compatible with that of the HPV Challenge Program, we urge the sponsor to expedite the needed revisions and submit the revised documents as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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